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Re: Interconnection with BellSouth

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 27, 1996, transmitted by facsimile to Mr. Mark Feidler, concerning Paging Network of Alabama's ("PageNet") interconnection arrangement with BellSouth.

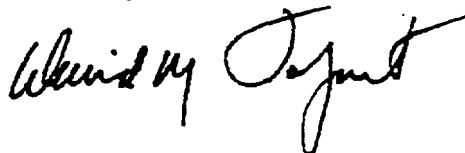
As you are undoubtedly aware, the FCC's First Report and Order in Docket 96-98 (the "Interconnection Order") which was to become effective on September 30, 1996, has been stayed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. Nevertheless, pending the Court's disposition of the appeals of the Interconnection Order, BellSouth is certainly willing to negotiate with PageNet concerning any of its interconnection needs. You will be hearing from Mr. Randy Ham (205) 977-0461 for the purpose of scheduling such negotiations. Meanwhile, BellSouth is pleased to advise you that effective October 7, 1996, BellSouth will no longer charge Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") providers NXX establishment charges.

BellSouth does not agree, however, with your contention that PageNet should no longer pay "for any facilities connecting LEC end or tandem offices to PageNet MTSOs." BellSouth does not now and never has charged mobile carriers for transporting and terminating land to mobile calls originating on BellSouth's network. There are, therefore, no such charges to "cease." Your stated intention to unilaterally cease payment for connecting facilities is unwarranted and may result in PageNet having its service interrupted for nonpayment.

BellSouth shares your desire to work together to effect a smooth transition in our interconnection arrangements under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Any unilateral action on your part, however, would violate your obligation under §251(c)(1) of the Act to negotiate in good faith the terms and conditions of such arrangements.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning the forgoing.

Very truly yours,



cc: Mr. Randy Ham

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 27th day of June, 1997, copies of the foregoing **Reply Comments of PageNet on Southwestern Bell Telephone Letter Requesting Reconsideration** were served upon the following persons:

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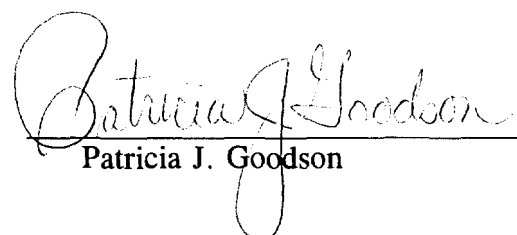
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